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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kazunaga SUZUKI
INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS
Assignee: SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION
Our Ref: Q79449
Continuation of Application No.: 09/836,284

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/836,284 (Confirmation No. 5459) filed April 18, 2001 of Kazunaga SUZUKI entitled INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, five (5) sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2853.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a continuation of Application No. 09/836,284 filed April 18, 2001; the

disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000-116798	April 18, 2000
Japan	2001-111811	April 10, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/836,284.

After entry of the Preliminary Amendment, the Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>13</u> - 20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>1</u> - 3	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
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\$770.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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